

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the assertion in the March 8, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, that the February 24, 2006 claims are considered non-compliant for failure to provide each claim with the proper status identifier, is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith.

Claims 25-44 are under consideration in this application. Claims 25-33 were previously presented. Claim 25 is currently amended as its status identifier indicates. Status identifiers for claims 26-33 now indicate that they were previously presented. Claims 33-44 are new, as indicated by their status identifiers and are supported for the reasons presented in the response to the previous Office communication, filed February 24, 2006.

No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the assertion in the March 8, 2006 Office communication that the amended document filed on February 24, 2006, is non-compliant is respectfully requested.

As a traverse, the remarks of the February 24, 2005 Amendment are hereby explicitly incorporated herein by reference.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any issue remains as an impediment to allowance, a further interview with the Examiner is respectfully requested and the Examiner is additionally requested to contact the undersigned to arrange a mutually convenient time and manner for such an interview.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks, amendments and Declaration, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. The undersigned looks forward to hearing favorably from the Examiner at an early date, and, the Examiner is invited to telephonically contact the undersigned to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,
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